SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Delay in the transmission of mails of the Anchal Department.

2. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware of the inordinate delay in the transmission of mails of the Anchal Department; and

(b) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the complaints contained in the leading article of Pouradhwāni, Pouraprabha and Deepika of Mithunam 26-1120 in respect of this matter?

*MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (a) No.

(b) Yes.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know what steps have been taken now that the matter has been brought to Government's notice?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The Director of Transport is being asked to put up vehicles on the roads and the Anchal Superintendent has also been asked to take delivery as soon as he receives the mail in the Anchal Office.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I take it that the delay has been caused by the break-down of the buses?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Mostly.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Arising out of what I stated two days ago regarding the UNNRA allotment, there may be some misapprehension caused from a perusal of the statement in the newspapers, which it is, now my object to clear. A statement has appeared in most of the Indian Newspapers relating to the further requirements of the United Nations' Organisation. The papers referred to the one lakh as their requirement of the coir yarn; and letters and telegrams have reached me in regard to this matter. I wish to make it clear that this Government's policy is to have as little exports of coir yarn as possible, because their idea is to export as much as possible of manufactured goods and not of the raw materials. This Government have always stood for the maximum export of mats and mattings as apart from the coir yarns. Therefore, the figure of one lakh given there need not cause apprehension. Even if it were for the war only, this Government could not have been particularly perturbed. The Government, however, as I said the other day, are in high expectation of receiving fairly extensive orders from Europe and America in respect of mats and mattings.

In this connection, I would refer to the short-notice question that has reached me from Mr. Karunakaran. He wants to know whether Government propose to take any steps for organising the Industry and whether they propose to conduct any survey of the coir yarn industry and what their plan is. In order that the widest publicity may be given to the Government scheme on this matter, the Government may

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly